

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- Provide the opportunity for Newton Seniors to reduce their tax obligation by working off a portion of their real estate taxes.
- Match work skills of Seniors with the needs of City Departments
- Increase the involvement of Newton Seniors in municipal government

HOW TO APPLY

- Applications are available at the Assessors Office in Newton City Hall
- Qualified applicants are matched with available positions
- Application must be made annually

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

- Municipal and school departments
- In offices and on special projects
- Based upon individual department needs

WHERE TO APPLY:

Applications are available at the *Assessors Office* in Newton City Hall.

Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Hours:

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fridays:
8:30AM-5:00PM
Tuesdays: 8:30AM-8:00PM

For an appointment or more
information please call:
617-796-1160

City of Newton

SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX WORK OFF PROGRAM



Setti D. Warren
Mayor

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Age 60 or older as of July 1
- Must own and reside in a Newton property as of July 1

INCOME REQUIREMENTS:

- Less than \$40,000 if such person is single and not head of household
- Less than \$50,000 if such person is head of household
- Less than \$60,000 if such person files a joint tax return with a spouse

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Date of determination of age, residence, ownership and income shall be July first of each year.

BENEFIT GUIDELINES:

- Current minimum wage: \$8.00 per hour for all positions
- Maximum credit is \$1,000 less withholdings
- Maximum number of hours to work for credit is 125 per year
- Level of appropriation will determine the maximum number of participants
- Benefit income is considered taxable by the federal government
- All work timesheets must be submitted by November 1st to be applied to the current year tax bill

SELECTION PROCESS:

- Applicant must meet eligibility requirements
- Applicants are selected on a first come, first served basis
- Applicant must complete an application form
- Applicant must have appropriate skills or qualifications for position
- Applicants are matched with available positions by the Senior Services Department and interviewed by that Department

Proxy Program **Pending Board of Aldermen** **Approval For FY 2014**

- If the Board of Aldermen approves, a provision will be adopted for qualifying seniors who are physically unable to perform the volunteer work-off services. An equally qualified proxy may perform the services on behalf of the senior.